

Amendment to the claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended):        A method of producing ~~the polishing agent of~~  
~~claim 1~~ a polishing agent for polishing a surface of a target object, said polishing agent  
comprising mother particles and abrading particles on surfaces of said mother particles, said  
method comprising the step of adding said mother particles into a polishing liquid in which  
said abrading particles are dispersed and the step of stirring together said mother particles  
and said polishing liquid.

Claim 5 (currently amended):        A method of using ~~the polishing agent of claim~~  
~~1~~ a polishing agent comprising mother particles and abrading particles on surfaces of said  
mother particles and a ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate to polish said target object; said method  
comprising the steps of;

supplying a specified amount of said polishing agent between said ~~polishing means~~  
lapping plate and said target object to be polished; and

causing said ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate to rotate at a specified rotational speed so  
as to move relative to said target object while keeping said ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate  
practically in contact with said target object while a lapping process is carried out on said  
target object.

Claims 6-9 (canceled).